present are equivalent to 2 per cent of the fortnightly average outstanding deposit in 1988-89. The interest on these CDS are determined freely by the concerned depositors and the bank and can vary accordingly. Although CDS are free from interest rate regulations, the bankwise limits on issue of CDS implies that there is a reasonable sharing of banks of the total market for CDS.

(d) The Reserve Bank of India has been issuing directives under the Banking Regulation Act from time to time regarding interest rates deposits and the compliance of the provisions of these directives is required to be strictly observed by the banks. The rates of Interest on deposits in various categories of accounts are as under:

Category of Account	(Per cent Per Annum)
1. Saving Account	5
2. Term Deposits	
(a) For deposits for 46 days and above but less than 1 year	8
(b) For deposits for 1 year and above but less than 2 years	9
(c) For deposits for 2 years and above	10

बोकारो स्टील प्लांट के प्राधिकारियों द्वारा दैनिक मजदूरों को कम मजदूरी का दिया जाना

986. श्री राम अवधेश सिंह : क्या इस्पात और खानमंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बोकारो स्टील प्लांट और "टिस्को" में प्रबन्धकों की पूर्ण जानकारी में श्रम मंत्रालय द्वारा इस्पात उद्योग में कार्यरत अस्थायी श्रमिकों के लिए निर्धारित की गई 39/- रुपये की दैनिक मजदूरी के बजाय 29/- रुपये दैनिक मजदूरी का भुगतान किया जा रहा है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस मामले में क्या सुधारात्मक कदम उठाने जाने का विचार है ?

इस्पात और खान मंत्री साथ में विधि और न्याय मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री दिनेश गोस्वामी) : (क) जी, नहीं । बोकारो इस्पात कारखानों द्वारा प्रत्यक्ष रूप से लगाये गये अस्थायी श्रमिकों को न्यूनतम 55.24 रुपये दैनिक मजदूरी का भुगतान किया जा रहा है। टिस्को द्वारा काम में लगाये गये अस्थायी कर्मचारियों को कम्पनी के स्थायी कर्मचारियों के बराबर भुगतान किया जाता है ।

(ख) उपर्युक्त को ध्यान में रखते हुए यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

AICC(I)'s demand for waiving of agricultural loans

987. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the recent conference of the AICC(I) a demand was put forth to waive agricultural loans given to farmers artisans and landless labourers as assured by Government and to open fresh loans for farmers, especially in view of the fact that sowing season had already begun;

(b) if so, what is Government's response thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b) Government of India have formulated the agricultural and Rural Debt Relief (ARDR) Scheme, 1990 for providing debt relief to farmers, landless cultivators, artisans and weavers upto Rs. 10,000/- by public sector banks and regional rural banks. for the operation of the scheme, Government of India have taken into account suggestions and demands put forth by the

State Governments and other forums/organisations in so far as they are practicable in the implementation of the scheme. Under the provisions of the scheme, the borrowers who would be eligible for the relief would be provided fresh finance also. Further to ensure adequate flow of credit during 1990, kharif season, the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) had extended relaxations in regard to sanction and operation of the credit limits sanctioned to State Cooperative Banks.

Report on the condition of the villagers of villages in Narmada Sarovar Dam's submergence area

988. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a three-member team of Narmada Bachao Andolan which visited the different villages in the Narmada Sarovar Dam's submergence area to see the condition of the villagers there recently visited New Delhi to apprise Government of their findings;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) to (c) A 7-Member team of so called Narmada Bachao Andolan had a meeting with the officials of the Central Government on 18-5-1990. The said team mentioned various issues which warrant attention. Narmada Control Authority has undertaken a programme of publications to bring out the real position in respect of the important issues. Steps have also been taken to expedite the matters associated with the resettlement of the oustees and the measures for environmental protection.

Visit of the president of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage

989. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the newly elected President of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage visited New Delhi and different parts of the country, in July this year;

(b) what percentage of the irrigation potential offered by river-water of different Indian rivers is utilised in the country and what percentage is simply drained away or causes degradation of soil; and

(c) what rteps, if any, were suggested by him to improve the utilisation of irrigation potential of the rivers and drains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) The newly elected President of International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage visited New Delhi in July, 1990. He did not visit any other place in India.

(b) Total average annual flow available in the country is about 188 m.ha.m, out of which utilisable surface water resources potential is about 69 m.ha.m. Of this it is estimated that by 1989-90 utilisation achieved under surface water irrigation projects is 28 m.ha.m. which is about 40 per cent of utilisable surface water resources.

(c) Steps suggested in press conference were that fuller advantage should be taken of special emphasis being given on the international R & D initiatives in the technology of irrigation and drainage, particularly in the context of modernisation of Irrigation and Drainage systems, sustainable use of land and water and improvement in the technologies for maintenance.